

REMARKS

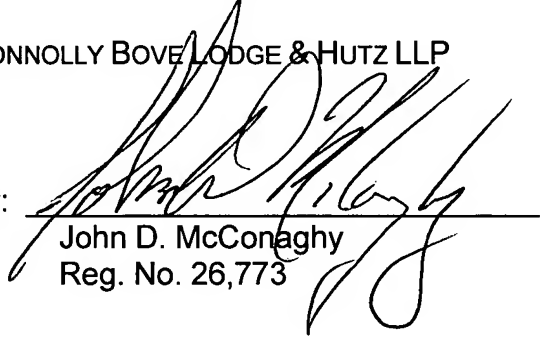
The claims allowable over the prior art in the final official action are retained, along with claims depending therefrom.

The rejection under 112 is responded to by indicating that where a distance is recited, that distance is limiting but there is no recited pipe. Therefore, the claim is limited to specific nominal sizes for which the clamps are designed and for which the clamps are sold. Where a pipe is recited in the body of the claim, as distinguished from the preamble, the pipe is limiting as an element.

Respectfully submitted,

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